

## CLAIMS

1. An ink container which is mounted on a printing device, characterized in that;

the ink container comprises a bag-like ink container body formed from a flexible sheet, and an ink supply opening, one end thereof communicating with the inside of the ink container body and the other end being connected to the printing device, and

the ink container body is provided with a region for residual ink liquid, the region being disposed at the bottom, lower than the communicating end of the ink supply opening, and with shape retaining means for keeping the shape and volume of the region for residual ink liquid.

2. The ink container according to claim 1, characterized in that the region for residual ink liquid consists of a part of the bottom portion of the ink container body and is disposed below and on the border of the ink supply opening.

3. The ink container according to claim 1, characterized in that the region for residual ink liquid is disposed in such a manner that a top surface thereof coincides with the lowest point of the communicating end of the ink supply opening.

4. The ink container according to claim 1, characterized in that the shape retaining means keeps the shape and volume of the region for residual ink liquid by preventing the sheet of the ink container body from entering into the region for residual ink liquid when the sheet moves.

5. The ink container according to claim 1, characterized in that the shape retaining means is fixed to either or both of the ink container body and the ink supply opening.

6. The ink container according to claim 1, characterized in that the shape retaining means is a sheet-entry preventing

member having an orifice pore or a plurality of orifice pores on the top surface thereof, the pore being allowable of coarse-grained ink through-passing.

7. The ink container according to claim 1, characterized in that the shape retaining means is formed from a non-woven fabric.